Subsidy for development of coir industry in Andhra Pradesh

2853. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had recently announced 25 per cent subsidy for the development of coir industry in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government of India, in March, 1987, approved a scheme of the Coir Board for extending financial assistance for promotion of new coir based units and also for renovation/ modernisation of existing units in the brown fibre sector. To accelerate the pace of development of brown fibr sector, the scheme was amended in June, 1988 to provide for financial assistance upto 25% on graded basis.

National Blood Policy

2854. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) wheathe· Government are aware that various experts are suggesting for bringing forward of a "National Blood Policy" to arrest spread of blood related infections and diseases; and

(b) what is Government' reaction to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRI RASHEED MASOOD : (a)and (b) The Government have launched a scheme for strengthening and modernisation of blood banks with the objective to augment the availability of blood and blood products, ensure safety of blood by establishing adequate testing facilities and safeguards in collection, storage, and transportation of blood, and promoting the rational use of blood by establishing facilities for component separation and blood fractionation in a phased manner. The scheme envisages:-

(i) augumentation of voluntary blood collection through motivation, education and publicity;

(ii) establishment of testing facilities for ensuring quality of blood collected and transfused;

(iii) upgrading blood banks in the Government sector in a phased manner;

(iv) development of man-power;

(v) Establishment of blood component separation facilities.

Revival of Central Investment subsidy scheme in Gujarat

2855. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any proposal from the Gujarat Government to reintroduce Central Investment Subsidy Scheme which was discontinued from 1-10-1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that subsidy was discontinued in respect of the seven backward districts of Gujarat; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH):(a) to (c) The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme was discontinued w.e.f 1-10-1988 for all backward districts